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## South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy

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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy  
Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2009  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

**Board members present were:**

Lesly S. Wilson, PhD, OTR/L, Chairman  
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice Chairman  
Joyce J. Branham, OTR/L  
Susan M. Hardin, OTR/L  
Linda H. Remick, COTA/L  
Janine P. Turner, OTR/L

**Others present were:**

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator  
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Attorney to the Board  
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Meadows, LLR Investigations

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Hardin to accept the November 14, 2008 minutes as printed. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Dr. Wilson thanked everyone for attending and reserved any remarks for within the meeting at appropriate times.

REPORTS:

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Cox reported the licensee totals to date are 1,414 licensed occupational therapists and 600 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 2,014 licensees. She reported that she continues to be in contact with the Governor's Office for Board appointments and reappointments. She noted that a consumer nominee was given advice and consent approval by the Senate; however, the paperwork for his appointment has not been received in the Board's office to date.

Mrs. Cox reported on the renewal licensure is being done by Office of Licensure and Compliance. She reported the timely renewal is complete and that late renewals are being finalized on April 15, 2009.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox stated that the Financial Report is provided as information. She noted for the record that revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period. She reported that she reviews the Board's budget yearly with LLR.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Ms. Meadows presented the IRC report to the Board for two (2) Dismissals and two (2) Dismissals with Letters of Caution being issued. She discussed the IRC and investigations procedures.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the IRC report as presented. Ms. Remick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LEGAL:

There was no Legal Business regarding the Board for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Draft of Position Statement Regarding Boundary Issues:

Ms. Turner lead an in depth discussion on Boundary Issues and presented a draft for the Board is use in her review. The Board members gave different perspectives to be considered and different work settings to be included. Mr. Spoon commented that by developing the position statement the Board is giving licensees a "safe harbor" in considering boundary issues. Ms. Turner and Dr. Wilson will correct the draft that the Board reviewed, and it will be put into field review by the Board members and others that they choose. Mrs. Cox was as asked to collect comments from the people who will use the draft in the field during the next months.

Draft of Frequently Asked Questions on Telehealth and Practicing Across State Boarders:

Mr. Ricardo led a discussion on Telehealth and Practicing across State Boarders. He discussed the matter with the Board with references to the Board's statute, Board's Code of Ethics, NBCOT Code of Ethics and AOTA Code of Ethics. Dr. Wilson had information for the Board also for a general statement that could be used towards a position statement. Mr. Ricardo was asked to continue to develop this topic and to refine frequently asked questions to be used.

Review of the Unlicensed Practice Policy:

The Board tabled the review of the Unlicensed Practice Policy until a future date when needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board prepared to hold an election of officers for 2009. A discussion followed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to nominate and approve Lesly Wilson as Chairman of the Board and to nominate and approved Ricardo Holmes as Vice Chairman of the Board. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There was no further discussion in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

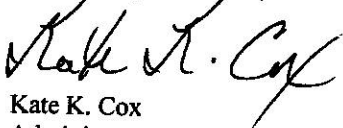
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board meetings for 2009 were announced to be on July 17, and November 13. The Board was reminded that their yearly Economic Interest Statements are due on or before April 15, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox  
Administrator